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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

I am an only child who married and had 2 children; now we are the proud grandparents of seven! My husband and I are blessed with our wonderful family. However, we are concerned about the growth of the world population, and feel it is our responsibility to uphold the Department of Health & Human Services' landmark decision requiring health insurers to cover the full cost of contraception, with no co-pay, beginning in August 2012.

It is always a choice to have a child, ours were very much wanted, but when folks would like to prevent pregnancy, it is absurd to refuse to pay for the medication -- but society/taxpayers are willing to assume the cost of that child, once born.

This policy places a much-needed importance on women's health that is too-often not a priority in health care policy. Birth control is a critical part of preventive care, and making contraception available to all women, regardless of their insurance or ability to pay for it, will significantly reduce long-term health care costs associated with unplanned pregnancies.

Thank you for prioritizing women's basic health care needs.

Sincerely,

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